Department of Rehabilitation Services

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## Job Announcement # 17-063

## Position Title/Code/Level: Rehabilitation of the Blind Specialist, Level IV, K23D

(May be filled at a Level III, K23C or Level II, K23B)

##### Location: VS #91 – Tulsa

#### Number of Positions/PIN: (1) – Classified / 805000582

#### Monthly Salary Range: Minimum Midpoint Maximum

**Level IV (Pay Band M) $ 3,612.53 $ 4,752.56 $ 5,940.70**

**Level III (Pay Band L) $ 3,172.41 $ 4,281.70 $ 5,352.13**

**Level II (Pay Band K) $ 2,654.00 $ 3,892.52 $ 4,865.64**

###### Beginning Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

**Ending Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 11:59 pm**

**Essential Functions:** Positions in this job family are assigned responsibilities specifically related to providing counseling and individualized instruction to persons who are blind or visually impaired in facilitating solutions to the challenges of being able to safely travel about in their everyday environment and in dealing with problems created by their blindness, promoting confidence and the self-esteem of the individual customer. A key duty will be raising the awareness of the clients to the opportunities and options which mastery of Orientations and Mobility (O&M) skills can develop. The Orientation and Mobility instructor provides assessment and instruction with their customers in navigating their home, community, school and work type environments, and shall cover topics such as proper cane travel techniques, and instruction to facilitate self-problem solving, sighted guide, and guide dog use, and strategies

To address potentially dangerous situations. The person in this position will also consult with other rehabilitation professionals throughout the vocational rehabilitation process to ensure high quality career and independent living outcomes for their customers. Communications between the O & M instructor and the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor must be ongoing. The O & M instructor must have a good working knowledge of specialized residential training centers in order to provide accurate information so their customers are able to make informed choices and decision should concentrated, in-depth training in mastering blindness skills be called for. The O & M instructor must also be willing to do community outreach, educating outside entities about blindness, and the wide variety of possibilities for the success of people who are blind. Preference may be given to candidates holding Certificate of Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS) by the Academy of Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) or the National Orientation and Mobility Certificate (NOMC), or the National Certification in Literary Braille or Unified English Braille (NCLB or NCUEB) from the National Blindness Professional Certification Board, or have one additional year of experience in a closely related field teaching blindness skills. Applicant must be willing to perform all job related travel. Applicant must be willing to perform all job related travel. **Probationary period (or trial period if applicable) is required**.

**Background Check:** The Department of Rehabilitation Services will conduct a criminal background check on new hires as part of an offer of employment that is made contingent upon a successful criminal background check.

**Education and Experience Requirements:** **Level I** - requirements at this level consist of a Bachelor’s degree in orientation and mobility, rehabilitation teaching or a bachelor’s degree and one year of experience in a disability related field. **Level II** - requirements at this level consist of those indicated in Level I plus two years of experience in rehabilitation teaching or orientation and mobility. All applicants at this level must be eligible to sit for certification for either Vision Rehabilitation Therapist or Orientation and Mobility Specialist through the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) or the National Orientation and Mobility Certificate, (NOMC) from the National Blindness Professional Certification Board. **Level III** - requirements at this level consist of those indicated in Level II. All applicants at this level must be certified in either Vision Rehabilitation Therapist or Orientation and Mobility Specialist through the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) or the National Orientation and Mobility Certificate, (NOMC) from the National Blindness Professional Certification Board. **Level IV** - requirements at this level consist of a Master’s degree in either Rehabilitation of the Blind, Visual/Vision services or Orientation and Mobility and three years’ experience in rehabilitation teaching or orientation and mobility. All applicants at this level must be certified as either Vision Rehabilitation Therapist or Orientation and Mobility Specialist through the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP).

**Selective Qualifications:** Certification by the Academy of Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) or the National Orientation and Mobility Certificate (NOMC), or the National Certification in Literary Braille or Unified English Braille (NCLB or NCUEB) from the National Blindness Professional Certification Board, or have one additional year of experience in a closely related field teaching blindness skills.

**Method of Application:** ALL SOURCES – Applicants, without previous classified state service, those that are in the unclassified status OR currently in probationary status, must apply through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services OKJOBS on-line External Listings applicant system (www.jobaps.com/ok/). Current State of Oklahoma employees with permanent status in the classified service, or those having reinstatement rights must apply through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services OKJOBS on-line Internal Listings applicant system ([www.jobaps.com/OK/promo.asp](http://www.jobaps.com/OK/promo.asp)).

If you have any questions regarding this position or the application process, contact Calvin Small at (405) 951-3527 or Stephanie Roe at (405) 951-3454.

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